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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that people in Baliapatam and Cannanore towns are suffering from elephantiasis and filariasis, and that the health of 90 per cent of the people in these two towns is affected, and, if so, when do the Government propose to provide protected water-supply to these two towns? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Filariasis is not due to want of protected water-supply. It has to be controlled by having an efficient system of drainage."

Functions of District Planning Boards.

* 650 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state what are the powers and functions of the District Planning Boards and Project Advisory Committees?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The District Planning Boards will prepare plans for their respective areas, watch the progress of execution, assess the achievements periodically and take such action as is called for in the circumstances to realize the full benefits within the targetted dates. They will also discuss and recommend new beneficial schemes. These Boards are constituted so as to secure the maximum co-operation and co-ordination of activities of all the Official Departments in the district.

" The Project Advisory Committees are set up in districts where Community Projects are worked out and they will have advisory functions not only on the problems relating to the project area but also the functions entrusted to the District Planning Board in relation to the other parts of the district not covered by the Community Project area."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are there any districts in the State where District Planning Boards have not been constituted? " 9-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If an accurate answer is wanted, I must go through the list."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" What is the difficulty of the Government to include all the M.L.As. in the various districts in the District Planning Boards? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is not good to load too many honours on the same set of people."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Are the Planning Boards given any idea of the probable amount available for working out such plans? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Boards include very responsible and well-informed men, officials and non-officials."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware of the fact that the district of Chingleput is not having a District Planning Committee? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I shall look into the matter. Chingleput is quite near the headquarters."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that the Community Project Advisory Committee in East Godavari is not functioning properly and, what is more, that the Community Project Officer at Samalkot has called only one meeting during the last one year and that in the absence of M.L.As.? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I know, Sir, that there is a dead set against the Project Officer referred to. But even if I take special steps, they won't be completed before the 1st of October and there will be an opportunity for further improvement, I am sure."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" சமூக அபிவிருத்தித் திட்டத்தை எதிர்க்கும் கம்யூனிஸ்டு அங்கத்தினர்களும் கம்யூனிடி பிராஜெக்ட் அட்வைசரி கமிட்டியில் சேர்ந்து சேவை செய்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" May I answer in English? The question is whether the Communists who have no faith in the Community Project Schemes are on the Advisory Boards. Sir, a man may oppose or support, but if in actual practice he will support, we include him."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Even in the case of Committees in which the M.L.As. are included, the District Collectors hold the meetings in such a way that the M.L.As. are not able to attend them. Generally, they hold the meetings during the session of the Assembly. Therefore, will the Government instruct the District Officers to hold the meetings on convenient dates? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is one of the reasons why I hesitate to put M.L.As. on these committees, because instead of the dog wagging the tail, the tail begins to wag the dog." (Laughter.)

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, I do not put a question, but I question only about the refinement of the language to be used."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Dogs and tails are an English phrase and in England dogs are very well treated." (Laughter.)

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, ఈ బోర్డులలో M.L.A. లను వేయడంవల్ల వారికి చాలా భారమౌతుందన్నారు. కనీసం ఈ బోర్డుల ప్రొసీడింగ్సు—ఇంతవరకు వాటిని రహస్యంగా ఉంచుతున్నారు—ఇకముందైనా ప్రజలకు తెలియునట్లు చేస్తారా ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" With the limited extent of my understanding of Sri Gopalakrishnaiah's resumed Telugu, I might say that the proceedings will certainly be supplied, whenever possible."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Has the Malabar district a Planning Board and, if not, will the Government be pleased to constitute one? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I shall inquire, and for the latter part, yes."

Government publications given to ex-Legislators.

* 651 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Government publications together with their cost were supplied to the members of the previous Legislature on condition that they are returnable when the members cease to be Legislators;

(*b*) whether all or any of them have been returned; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government to recover the publications or their cost?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Six copies of Government publications, such as Codes, Statutes and Manuals were supplied to four members of the Legislature by the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras. The total cost of these publications is Rs. 26-2-0. When the publications were supplied, no reference was made to a return of the publications on the termination of their terms of office.

" (*b*) None of the above six publications was returned.

" (*c*) The question of waiving the recovery of the cost of the books is under consideration."

Representations from the Secretary, Chambra Peak Estate Workers' Union.

* 652 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Secretary, Chambra Peak Estate Workers' Union, Meppadi, Wynaad, dated 27th October 1952; and

(*b*) if so, what action Government have taken on the same?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No action has been taken on the memorandum as the High Court has stayed the adjudication proceedings relating to the plantation disputes pending disposal of the writ petition filed by the South Indian Estate Labour Relations Organization, Coonoor."